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FLOOR DEBATE

April 15, 2004 LR 401, 402, 405

SPEAKER BROMM: Seeing no debate, all those in favor of the resolution please vote aye. Opposed nay. It is adopted. Pursuant to the motion made by Senator Maxwell to appoint a committee to escort the Governor to the Chamber, I would like to appoint the following senators, please: Senators Hartnett, Quandahl, Vrtiska, Tyson, Maxwell, and Jones. If they would proceed to escort the Governor. Members, while we're still in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 401, LR 402, and LR 405. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. Speaker, your committee now escorting the Governor of the great state of Nebraska, Mike Johanns, and his wife, Stephanie.

SPEAKER BROMM: Please rise.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Ladies and gentlemen, the Governor of the state of Nebraska.

GOVERNOR JOHANNNS: Members of the Legislature, distinguished guests and friends, I am here today to congratulate you on another successful session, and to express my gratitude for your hard work and your vigorous debate that have brought us to this day. This session should not be judged by the number of bills passed, but by the very difficult issues addressed. The aggressive debate throughout the days of the 2004 Session is a by-product of dedication. The intensity of your deliberations reflects the diverse views of the citizens that elected you. You have embraced some of the most controversial issues of our day and opened the door to sweeping reform, just as I asked during my State of the State Address some three months ago. On behalf of the thousands of people, who courageously battle mental illnesses, and their families, I say thank you. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Senator Jim Jensen for leading the mental health reform effort and to all of you for refining and improving this important initiative. We will go forth now to deliver a system of mental health services into the